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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of the first office action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 13, second paragraph, replace line 4 through the last line, with the following:

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-- Suitable sources of cellulose fiber that may be used include cotton linters and wood pulp, such as hardwood and softwood. The cotton linters, at a low contamination level, are preferred. The fibers and any desired fillers, such as talc, diatomaceous earth, friction particles, or colloidal silica, may be added to the pulper with deionized water and completely blended. In some cases, fillers are not used in the material. Once the fibers and fillers are completely blended, a latex emulsion is then added to the pulper and completely blended into the slurry. The latex content has been varied between 5% and